# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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SPEED OF TRAINS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the prescribed speed limit for Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Superfast and Mail trains in the country;

(b) whether these are running as per the prescribed speed limit;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to accelerate the speed of all the trains in the country;

(e) whether the Government were to introduce trains running with the speed of 160 Km. Per hour by the year 2000; and

(f) if so, the time by which the t rains of such speed are likely to be introduced?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Speed of trains is dependent upon various factors like type of section, gradient, standard and quality of track, the category of locomotive, type of coaches, number of stoppages etc. The speed limit vary from section to section and are not uniform over Indian Railways. However, superfast trains have a minimum commercial speed of 55 Kmph.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Speeding up of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.

(e) No. Sir.

(f) Does Not arise.